

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jack Wells, on January 10, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jack Wells, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

##### **Members Absent:**

Rep. Eve Franklin (D)

##### **Staff Present:**

Nancy Hall, OBPP  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch  
Kathy Baird, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Goals/Objectives Budget Hearing: Montana Board of Public  
Education  
Montana School for Deaf  
and Blind

Executive Action: None

**MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

00:01:31 Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Montana Board of  
Public Education (MBPE)

**Proponents:**

00:38:22 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE)

00:43:55 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:11 Sen. Hawks

00:28:20 Mr. Meloy, MBPE

00:29:56 Rep. Wells

00:34:51 Mr. Meloy, MBPE

00:36:54 Sen. Wanzenried

00:37:24 Rep. Glaser

00:37:37 Mr. Meloy, MBPE

00:46:26 Sen. Wanzenried

00:46:53 Ms. Stearns, CHE

00:50:04 Sen. Wanzenried

00:50:35 Mr. Meloy, MBPE

00:53:33 Sen. Hawks

00:53:59 Mr. Meloy, MBPE

00:55:13 Break

01:07:07 Reconvene

**MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

01:07:45 Steve Gettel, Superintendent, Montana School for Deaf  
and Blind (MSDB)

**EXHIBIT(jeh06a01)**

**Proponents:**

01:30:14 Sandy McGennis, Outreach Consultant, Montana School  
for Deaf and Blind

**EXHIBIT(jeh06a02)**

01:32:21 Kathy Johnson, Audiologist, Montana School for Deaf and  
Blind

01:38:46 Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Montana Board of  
Public Education (MBPE)

01:40:19 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

01:43:47 Carl Schwitzer, Representative, Montana Association for  
the Blind

01:45:23 Bob Runkel, Acting Superintendent, OPI

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:47:48 Sen. Hawks  
01:48:49 Mr. Gettel, MSDB  
01:52:06 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:53:20 Mr. Gettel, MSDB  
01:56:09 Bill Sykes, Business Manager, Montana School for the  
Deaf and Blind, MSDB  
01:58:17 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:58:47 Bill Sykes, MSDB  
01:59:11 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:59:42 Bill Sykes, MSDB  
02:01:46 Sen Wanzenried  
02:02:23 Mr. Gettel, MSDB  
02:02:45 Sen. Wanzenried  
02:03:09 Mr. Gettle, MSDB  
02:05:43 Sen. Wanzenried  
02:06:17 Mr. Gettel, MSDB  
02:08:49 Rep. Wells  
02:10:34 Bill Sykes, MSDB  
02:11:56 Rep. Wells  
02:12:31 Bill Sykes, MSDB

**Closing by:**

02:13:45 Chairman Wells

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:13:55 Adjournment

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REP. JACK WELLS, Chairman

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KATHY BAIRD, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jeh06aad.pdf](#))**